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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE MEETING IN BERLIN

SUMMARY. AT OCTOBER 22 BONN GROUP MEETING FRG REP ASKED FOR ALLIED APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MEETING IN BERLIN OF BUNDESTAG ELECTION OVERSIGHT, IMMUNITIES, AND RULES OF PROCEDURE COMMITTEE. FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS EXERTING CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD APPRECIATE QUICK CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER BY THE ALLIES IN THE BONN GROUP. TROUBLESOME POINTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA WERE PLANNED DISCUSSION OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE FRG BASIC LAW AND, TO LESSER EXTENT, PLANNED DISCUSSION OF DRAFTS WHICH WOULD ALTER BUNDESTAG RULES REGARDING IMMUNITIES OF ITS MEMBERS AND REGARDING ITS INTERNAL SECURITY. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT FORMER ITEM (BASIC LAW AMENDMENTS) WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE BUT THAT LATTER (IMMUNITIES AMENDMENTS) WAS. END SUMMARY.

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1. RESPONDING TO QUESTION, LUECKING SAID FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTIES REGARDING ANY DISCUSSION IN BERLIN BY A BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISION OF FRG BASIC LAW NOT APPLICABLE TO WSB. REGARDING DISCUSSIONS IN BERLIN OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN BUNDESTAG INTERNAL SECURITY AND IMMUNITIES RULES, ALL REPS AGREED THAT, SINCE THESE RULES APPLY TO BERLIN BUNDESTAG DELEGATES AND APPLY TO ALL BUNDESTAG MEMBERS WHEN THEY ARE MEETING IN COMMITTEES IN BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF TIES, THERE WAS NO FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM.

2. AFTER THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER, REPS CONCLUDED THAT THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION: A) REGARDING BUNDESTAG RULES, AGENDA WOULD SHOW THE SCHEDULED PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE BY BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DELEGATE COVERING EXPERIENCE GAINED BY HOUSE WITH ITS NEW RULES WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO THESE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY BUNDESTAG. THIS AGENDA ITEM WOULD CONCLUDE WITH LISTING OF DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FOR RULE CHANGES FOR BUNDESTAG IN LIGHT OF THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPERIENCE; AND B) DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN FRG BASIC LAW WOULD BE DELETED. THIS POSITION WOULD BE PASSED TO BUNDESTAG BY FEDERAL CHANCELLERY AS THAT OF THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS, REACHED AFTER CONSULTATION IN THE BONN GROUP.

3. COMMENT. AS IN FEBRUARY CASE OF BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT WILLING TO FACE THE BUNDESTAG ALONE IN PASSING THE WORD THAT A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THERE WAS NO HESITATION BY FRG REP, HOWEVER, IN CONFIRMING THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD REPRESENT POSITION OUTLINED ABOVE AS ONE SHARED BY THREE POWERS AND THE FRG.
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